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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

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Hongkong, August 16, 1881.

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Hongkong, April 12, 1881.

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At 3 months notice 3½ per annum.

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NO. 4, Old Bailey Street.

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Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 4, 1882.

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For Particulars apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, January 21, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. CARL KUEBS in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1880.

MR. CARL KUEBS and Mr. H. O. MICHAELSEN are authorized to Sign our Firm from To-day.

MICHAELS & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. fe3

NOTICE.

MR. MAX PAQUINUS hereby authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.

CARLWITZ & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1882. fe3

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM DETMERS has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from the 1st Instant.

RADECKER & Co. Hongkong, January 3, 1882. fe3

NOTICE.

WE have this day CHANGED the Style of our Firm to THOMAS ROWE & SMITH, the Business remaining in all Respects as heretofore.

THOMAS & MEYER. Canton, 1st January, 1882. fe3

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of my Firm at Foochow, CHINA, which has been Carried on under the Style of "WESTALL GALTON & Co." since 1859, will in future be CONDUCTED under the Style of GALTON & Co.

McWESTALL Retired from the Firm in 1877.

W. F. GALTON. London, 29 Gracechurch St., 1st January, 1882. fe3

NOTICE.

MR. HENRY ACKLAND NORTHEY a hereby authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.

GALTON & Co. Fooking, 1st January, 1882. fe3

NOTICE.

THIS is to notify to the Public that the Undersigned RETIRED from the Firm of Messrs TATA & Co. and RECOMMENDED ARABY & Co. a few months ago that CHUR has taken the vacancy in the firm of TATA & Co. and that his Son, Mr. LAU, has taken his place in the latter Firm.

The Undersigned hereby declares, that, having given all the Accounts to the satisfaction of his successors, he is free from any responsibility that may arise from any debts or disputes whatsoever hereafter.

EE TYE. Hongkong, December 29, 1881. ja5

NOTICE.

WE have this day CLOSED the BRANCH of our Firm at YOKOHAMA.

REISS & Co. Shanghai, 25th November, 1881. ja22

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOCHE & Co. of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13au82

FOR SALE.

THE British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE," 647 Tons Register or 500 Tons Freight carrying in Capacity, built of English Oak and Teak, copper-fastened throughout, remodeled in February 1880, Masts and Spars newly all new and general outfit in good condition, as she now lies in this Port. For particulars, apply to the CAPTAIN on board, or to—

VOGEL & Co. Agents. Hongkong, December 27, 1881. 1f

J. NOBLE, GOLDSMITH & JEWELLER.

DESS to intimate that he has JUST RECEIVED A VERY FINE SELECTION OF JEWELLERY in the Latest Designs and Highest Class of Workmanship.

SUITS IN DIAMONDS, RUBIES, SAPPHIRES, AND PEARLS; BROOCHES, PENDANTS, LOCKETS, EARRINGS, GEMSTONES, PINS AND STUDS.

A Specially Selected Assortment of GEM RINGS, of quality, style, finish and excellence of design.

SILVER AND ELECTRO PLATE. DRAWING AND DINING-ROOM CLOCKS, CARRIAGE CLOCKS, MODERN GOLD AND SILVER PENCIL CASES, OPERA AND FIELD GLASSES, CHRISTENING PRESENTS, &c.

5, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. Hongkong, December 10, 1881.

FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED BY THE PESHAWAR.

GENUINE PORT WINE. M. de Souza's famous well-known B-R-A-N-D-S.

BLACK LABEL, with 3 Grapes, per Case of 1 dozen Quarts, \$18.

BLACK LABEL, with 2 Grapes, per Case of 1 dozen Quarts, \$16.

WHITE LABEL, per Case of 1 dozen Quarts, \$13.

Apply to F. J. V. JORGE, At Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s. Hongkong, December 7, 1881. ja5

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS 1881.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TABLE DELICACIES AND FANCY ARTICLES.

OUR STOCK for the PRESENT SEASON is now Complete and Ready for Inspection.

PLUM PUDDINGS, MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS CAKES, FANCY BISCUITS, FRUITS IN NOYAU, SYRUP or BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED and METZ FRUITS, ASSORTED CANDIED PEELS, MUSCATEL RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, FRENCH PLUMS, FRENCH JAMS, JELLIES, &c.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS, ASSORTED PATES; OX-TONGUES in JELLY, COLLARED, SPICED and SMOKED; ANCHOVEY PASTE, POTTED MEATS and GAME, RUSSIAN CAVIARE, FRENCH TRUFFLES, &c., &c.

PRIME STILTON CHEESE and YORK HAMS.

FANCY SWEETS and CHOCOLATES.

All the Newest THINGS in COSAQUES—RURAL DELIGHT, Ye Old English, ANTHEM, QUITE TOO UTTERLY CONSUMMATE, Who will say YEAT COUNTRY, MATHEW, FAMILY, ROMEO and JULIET, DUBLIN and LIVERPOOL, COSTUMES, EXHIBITION OF OLD MASTERS, CAPTIVATING, CLASSICAL, MAGIO ROBES, WREATHS, FLOWERS, &c., &c.

TOYS in Great Variety.

PHOTO FRAMES, a Large and New Assortment of ALBUMS, DRESSING CASES, WORK BOXES, GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF SETS, FANCY BAGS, PERFUME CASES, BLOTTING CASES, CIGAR CASES, POCKET BOOKS, PURSES, ELECTRO-PLATED GOODS—NEW FLOWER VASES, CARD TRAYS, JEWELLERY CASES, WATCH STANDS, &c., &c.

MENU and GUEST CARDS in New Designs.

CHRISTMAS and BIRTHDAY CARDS. NEW CORRESPONDENCE CARDS and TINTED PAPER in Fancy Boxes.

BIRTHDAY and PRESENTATION BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 5, 1881. ja5

ROSE AND COMPANY, 31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

GENERAL DRAPERY DEPARTMENT.—LONG CLOTHS and FLANNELS.

TABLE LINENS and IRISH LINENS. GENERAL HOUSEHOLD LINENS. SHEETINGS, BLANKETS, &c., &c.

FANCY DRESS and SILK DEPARTMENT.—PLAIN and FANCY DRESS GOODS. COLOURED and BLACK SILKS. FANCY BROADCLOTHS (PARLIAN). ALL WOOL SERGES, &c., &c., &c.

SILK VELVETS and VELVETEENS.—FASHIONABLE STRIPED SILK VELVETS. FASHIONABLE EMBOSSED SILK VELVETS. FASHIONABLE EMBOSSED VELVETEENS.

FANCY LACE GOODS in FICHUS, COLLARETTES and SETS of COLLARS and CUFFS.

RIBBONS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, REAL and IMITATION LACES, SUNSHADES, UMBRELLAS, CORSETS, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING, FANCY WOOL and CREWEL WORK, FANCY GOODS, CHENILLE and BEADED FRINGES, SPANISH, and BEADED BLACK LACES, MOSLEY, GLOVES, &c., &c., &c.

Also, GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, SCARVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, HALF HOSE, UNBUSHEDS, DRAWERS, SOLITAIRE and STUDS, and an Indescribable Number of MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.

ADDRESS ROSE AND COMPANY, 31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, January 3, 1882. 20ja82

For Sale.

FASHIONABLE CARPETS FOR SALE. NEWLY ARRIVED.

THE Undersigned has always on Hand For Sale, ASSORTED, FASHIONABLE AND FRESH-COLOURED CARPETS.

SAM HING, STILTZ, Tailor, No. 40 & 41, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, December 10, 1881. ja16

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, \$17 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, \$18 per 2 doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CONCERT GRAND PIANO, by Broadwood; GLASS, CROCKERY & PLATED WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Colonel HALL, R.A., to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 5th January, 1882, at 2 p.m., at Morrison Hill.

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, OTTOMAN CENTRE and SIDE TABLES, PIER GLASS, &c., &c. A CONCERT GRAND PIANO, by Broadwood & Sons, in First Rate Order.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHISKY, FENDER and FIRE IRONS, GLASS, PLATED and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, FIRST-RATE TABLE LAMPS, &c., &c.

Also, A QUANTITY of SUNDRIES and BOOKS. A New JEWELLERY, built to order at Tokyo.

A NORTH-CHINA PONY. A Lot of PLANTS and VALUABLE SHRUBS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale. Terms—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, December 30, 1881. ja5

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has been instructed to offer FOR SALE by Public Auction on the Premises, on

FRIDAY, the 6th January, 1882, at 3 p.m., Subject to a Mortgage dated the 25th day of February, 1881, for securing the Repayment of \$13,000 with Interest thereon at 8 per centum per annum, ALL THAT VALUABLE PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND

Abutting on the North side thereof, on other Portion of the said Lot at the Centre of a Party Wall, and measuring thereon 47 feet and 8 inches on the South side thereof, on the Queen's Road West, and measuring thereon 59 feet and 9 inches on the East side thereof, on the other Portion of the said Lot at the Centre of a Party Wall, and measuring thereon 49 feet and 6 inches on the West side thereof, on other Portion of the said Lot at the Centre of a Party Wall, and measuring thereon 52 feet and 7 inches, registered in the Land Office as Sub-section 2 of Section D. of Mainland Lot No. 50, with the BUILDINGS thereon, known as 87, 89, 91 & 93, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, and No. 1, TUNG SAU, WEST STREET, including a free right of passage over the private thoroughfare known as "Sei Lane" (Tung Sau West Street). The Premises are held from the Crown for the Residue of the term of 99 years, at the appraised Yearly Crown Rent and of \$45 15.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors. Hongkong, December 31, 1881. ja3

WINDSOR HOUSE, Nos 18 and 19, BUNN, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished Hotel commands a fine view of the Harbour and Shipping; and the building is surrounded by a large Verandah, which makes this the most the Quickest Hotel in the East. Charges—From \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Porter to land and ship Baggages.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co. Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.

THE "FAR EAST." THE ISSUES OF 1878 WAITED. Apply at this Office. Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

Intimations.

HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE Duties of the above School, will be Resumed on MONDAY, 9th Instant, at 10 a.m.

Boards can be received. For terms, &c., apply to the Head Master, St. Paul's College.

All fees will be collected by the Treasurer. Hongkong, January 3, 1882. ja10

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 144.

CHINA SEA.

CANTON RIVER AND DISTRICT.

MACAO FORT ROCK BUOY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the MACAO FORT ROCK BUOY, referred to in Notice to Mariners No. 141, has been Removed closer to the Rock than formerly and now lies in 10 feet at low water spring tides.

From the Buoy the North end of Macao Fort bears S. 42° W. magnetic.

From the Buoy the Chiennan Fort bears S. 50° E. magnetic.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs, DAVID M. HENDERSON, Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 20th December, 1881. ja10

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED on the 20th Instant, until the 5th Proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON, Manager. Hongkong, December 15, 1881. ja5

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

DEBENTURE LOAN FOR \$300,000.

COUPONS for INTEREST falling due on 31st December, 1881, will be Paid upon presentation, at the Office of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, on and after that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, December 30, 1881. ja21

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—Kwok Pak Shing, of No. 37, Tung Man Street, Victoria, Hongkong, and carrying on Business there under the name of "Sze Lee," Coal Merchant, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a petition for adjudication in Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on the 10th day of December, 1881, is hereby required to surrender himself to CHARLES FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SANGSTER, Esquire, the Acting Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Court for the said Bankruptcy, on the 4th day of January, 1882, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, precisely, at the office of the Registrar of the said Court.

The said CHARLES FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SANGSTER, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs DENNIS and MOSSEY are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his Final Examination, and to make application for his Discharge, of which Sitting notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the First Meeting of Creditors, the Acting Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of the Creditors and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

Hongkong, 30th day of December, 1881.

DENNIS & MOSSEY, Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—Li Kuo In, Li Shu Ping, Wong Cheuk Wing, Lo Man Shan, Lau Sau Shan and Wong Sin Ngam, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, under the style or firm name of TAI HING, No. 208, Queen's Road, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a petition for adjudication in Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, on the 8th day of December, 1881, are hereby required to surrender themselves to CHARLES FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SANGSTER, Esquire, the Acting Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held by the said Court for the said Bankruptcy, on the 4th day of January, 1882, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, precisely, at the office of the Registrar of the said Court.

The said CHARLES FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SANGSTER, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs DENNIS and MOSSEY are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupts to pass their Final Examination, and to make application for their Discharges, of which Sitting notice will be given in the Hongkong Government Gazette.

At the First Meeting of Creditors, the Registrar will receive the Proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors are hereby directed to choose at such Meeting an assignee or assignees of the Bankrupts' Estate and Effects to be called the Creditors' assignee or assignees.

Hongkong, 28th day of December, 1881.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors in the Matter.

WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(Illustrated Catalogue.)

WASHINGTON'S BOOKS, of the use of Latin and Chinese, can now be had at this Office—Price 1d. each.

China Mail Office.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The Co's Steamship "Aja," Captain KID, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 6th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, January 3, 1882. ja5

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "Thales," Captain Pocock, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 6th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 3, 1882. ja6

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The Steamship "Edmund Castle," Capt. W. S. Thompson, will be despatched for the above Port at 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 6th January, 1882.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, December 29, 1881. ja6

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "Emmerda," Captain TALBOT, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 7th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 3, 1882. ja7

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Glenarney," Capt. A. J. Jacobs, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 7th January, 1882.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, December 28, 1881.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship "Achilles," Capt. ARNOLD, will be despatched on or about the 9th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents

ous that in the matter of schools many people are apt to theorize with a facility almost alarming; and it is therefore with considerable satisfaction that we observe one correspondent in the *N.-C.D. News*, who writes over the *non de plume* of "A Father," addressing his attention to figures. Even here, however, it is instructive to note how ready the projectors of any scholastic scheme seem to be to count upon assistance from other ports. "A Father" calculates that there are 33 children in Shanghai whom he knows might be sent to such a school as that suggested; to these he adds 10 whom he does not know, but who might attend; and then he goes on to say:—"If a thoroughly good school were established here I do not doubt that children would be sent from the outports and even from Hongkong, and it may not be too sanguine a view to take that 10 more children might come to us in this way." From the probable 60, he deducts ten per cent., and proceeds to calculate upon the basis of 46. Now, this oft-repeated process of drafting imaginary scholars from other places is one of the clearest proofs that the establishment and maintenance of an excellent and self-supporting school in the small foreign communities of China is all but an impossibility. Indeed, it would almost seem as if the only chance for a successfully establishing one flourishing educational institution would be, for the various communities of China and Japan (including Hongkong) to combine in forming one really good boarding and day school, where numbers being secured, the energies of all concerned could be turned towards the efficiency and excellence of the teaching and general arrangements. We do not think this notion is so very utopian as it may at first sight appear to be, and we should not be astonished if the higher levels of this Island prove to be the sanctuary where such an institution found its resting-place. This, however, by the way. Shanghai may solve the difficult problem for itself; and if the general spirit pervading the correspondence published on the subject by our morning contemporary at that port be any criterion, then the attempt it is now proposed to make fully deserves to be successful. To return to the figures, it is evident that the \$2,200 estimated by one correspondent as the annual cost of tuition—Head Master £1000, Head Mistress \$200, Assistant £400—is much too ambitious, as a staff of good teachers could be obtained for little more than half the money. At the same time there is nothing like handsome pay for ensuring an adequate return; if only the pupils could be obtained and the material to work upon could be found. Another correspondent, however, puts the cost of tuition at say \$15,000 per annum, or about £1360, which is much nearer the mark than that given by the writer who suggests £1000 a year for the Head Master.

While making the above comments upon this discussion at Shanghai, it must not be supposed that we undervalue the importance of giving our best education obtainable to our youth. Our intention is solely to note, for the guidance of all concerned here as well as Shanghai, some of the difficulties which have to be met and faced in both places. Indeed, the admirable spirit evinced by the letter of the Rev. A. J. Bamford was what first attracted our attention to the subject; and it is indeed a gratifying fact, and a hopeful sign of the progress of the age, when a Christian minister deals so sensibly with the matter of education as he does. The secular difficulty is not likely to prove serious in an atmosphere where sentiments so liberal and a spirit so Catholic are apparently so much at home as they are in the Model Settlement; and we wish our friends in Shanghai every success in their proposed scholastic venture.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "China Mail"]

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co's. Line)

THE ANGLO-FRENCH COMMERCIAL TREATY.

LONDON, January 2.

Gambetta having offered inadequate abatements on Woollens and Cotton, the English Commissioners have returned to London, and it is believed that agreement is impossible.

NEW GOVERNOR-OF NATAL.

LONDON, January 2.

Henry Bulwer has been appointed Governor of Natal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next ENGLISH MAIL by the Kaiser-Hind, bringing London dates up to the 1st December, may be expected here on or about the 8th instant.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 6.25 this morning.

The *Vulcan* went into Aberdeen Dock today.

The delivery of the American Mail was begun at 3.50 this evening.

Messrs Russell & Co. inform us that the Union Line steamer *Oxfordshire* left Singapore for this port this morning.

A PARADE and inspection of the Government Fire Brigades will take place at the Central Fire Brigade Station at 3.30 p.m. on the 8th inst.

We are requested to remind the Special Jurors in the case of *Graves v. Pittman* that their attendance will be required at 10 a.m. to-morrow, as the case is set down for hearing at that time.

A CHINAMAN was rather severely injured this afternoon, while engaged at some buildings which are in course of erection in

Wellington Street. A quantity of bricks fell on him, and cut his head rather badly.

According to a telegram from His Excellency the Governor General of the Philippines, quarantine regulations will not be further enforced in the ports of these islands for the present.

A BARRING robbery was perpetrated on board the steamer *Chinkiang* on Sunday last at Canton. During the temporary absence of Captain Orr his desk was broken into, and a cash box containing about \$400 and a number of important documents and a few trinkets were abstracted. The steamer and a boy have been arrested in connection with the robbery.

An adjourned inquest was held this afternoon on the body of Leung Awong, a carpenter, who met his death by falling from a verandah in the course of erection between Aberdeen Street and Queen's Road. Today Inspector Lindsay gave evidence, and said that deceased must have fallen about fourteen feet, and met in his fall have struck some granite stones. There were no suspicious circumstances about the affair, and the jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Jan. 1st:

Day	Europeans	Chinese
Monday	None	None
Tuesday	42	782
Wednesday	37	462
Thursday	28	642
Friday	49	714
Saturday	39	418
Sunday	193	3,068
Total	3,201	3,068

Grand total, 3,201.

Law Notice.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

(Before the Full Court, and a Special Jury.)

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.—This day, 5th Jan., 10 a.m.—J. de Graça, Esq., Plaintiff—Sui No. 26.—Hearing.

(Before the Hon. Francis Snowden, Acting Chief Justice.)

PHONATE JURISDICTION, 11 a.m.—In the goods of Patrick Rose Smith, deceased, petition of Alexander Smith, one of the Executors for Probate.

In the goods of Hermann Kammern, deceased, petition of Otto Franz Melou, Administrator.

In the goods of Cheong Ah, deceased, petition for Letters of Administration de bonis non by Charles Frederick Augustus Sangster, the Official Administrator.

In the goods of Nicholas Harvey, deceased, petition of Charles Frederick Augustus Sangster, for Letters of Administration.

A match was played to-day between the representatives of Universities and Public Schools, and the World. Good play was shown all through. Mr I. D. Walker was top scorer on the side of the Public Schools, and was exceedingly well supported by the Rev. T. C. Stubbings (32), H. de C. Forbes (26), R. H. Brown, (21), and Whyte (10). The innings closed for 164. The World followed on, and although they played gamely, they only managed to run up 143, this being 21 behind their opponents. The men who distinguished themselves on this side were A. K. Travers 18, R. S. Hedley 22, W. de St. Croix 19, S. Newcombe 17, J. B. d'Almeida 16, A. Wilson 14. The World as will be seen were beaten by the Public Schools. The game was fairly close all through.

UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

I. D. Walker (Harrow), c. Hedley, 41

F. H. Wyndham (Eton), c. Hynes, 5

E. H. Newton (Marlborough), c. Hynes, 5

F. C. Stobbing (Cambridge), c. Hynes, 32

R. S. Hedley (Cambridge), c. Hedley, 25

H. H. Brown, l.i.w., c. Hedley, 21

H. Whyte (Marlborough), c. Hedley, 10

S. C. Bird (Marlborough), c. & b Hynes, 7

A. W. Wolsley (Dublin), not out, 1

W. M. Goodrich (Harrow), b Hynes, 3

E. Mackean (Cambridge), c Travers, 4

Extras, 8

Total, 164

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A. K. Travers, run out, 18

A. L. Winslow, c. & b Brown, 6

W. Hynes, c. sub, b Brown, 5

J. F. W. Charley, c. Walker, b Brown, 6

R. S. Hedley, b Stobbing, 25

W. de St. Croix, c. Whyte, b Forbes, 19

J. B. d'Almeida, c. Wolsley, b Stobbing, 17

J. R. d'Almeida, c. Brown, b Walker, 16

S. Hynes, c. sub b Forbes, 3

A. Wilson, R.N., not out, 14

Extras, 9

Total, 143

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. Francis Snowden, Acting Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, January 4.

ROSA v. HO ATIM.

Mr De Rosa, the plaintiff, who sued Ho Atim, the defendant, for payment of \$5,000 dollars, was represented by Mr. Hayler, instructed by Messrs Breton and Wotton; and Mr. Francis, instructed by Messrs Stephens and Holmes, appeared on behalf of the defendant.

Mr Ho Atim said that the plaintiff's claim was for \$5,000 in part payment of marine lot No. 25 at Wanchai. On the 20th Sept., a contract was signed by Mr. De Rosa and Ho Atim, in which the defendant agreed to purchase marine lot No. 25 at \$2.75 per square foot and promises to pay down \$5,000 as a deposit for which no interest was to be charged. This sum has never been paid although repeatedly asked for. The defendant now alleges that he was induced to purchase this property by its being represented as belonging to the Hongkong Pier and Godown Co. Ltd., a

much more valuable property than that of lot No. 25; and never would have entered into this contract had he known its correct position. The defendant also now presents a cross petition, praying that the agreement may be set aside on the ground that there was a mistake. Mr. Hayler pointed out that the defendant had affixed his signature to the contract where the lot was correctly described, and if Ho Atim made a mistake there could be no rectification of the matter unless the mistake had been mutual. The defendant, he argued, was quite unlikely to make such a mistake as was sold out, as he had considerable speculations in land, and even if he did, his case was in no wise affected, as the plaintiff did not pretend to have made any mistake. His client was not charged with representations leading to a fraud, and he submitted, on the condition of the contract not being fulfilled, the plaintiff was entitled to the amount sued for.

Mr. Hayler then called on Mr. De Rosa, who in reply to him said, on the 20th September he entered into the contract in question. He did not receive the \$5,000 which was to be paid down, and he agreed the agreement, although he had demanded payment several times. He did not represent at any time that the Marine Lot No. 25 was the Pier & Godown Company's property. He had only one interview with Ho Atim, and the contract was made and signed in the house of a friend named Mr. Ho Atim, who knew this property. He saw him the day after the contract was made, when Ho Atim promised to bring the money the next day, but he did not fulfil the promise.

By Mr. Francis.—He was not the owner of Marine Lot No. 25 in September, and was not the owner of the property at the time he signed the contract. He had no share in it. He told Ho Atim that he had some property at Wanchai for sale, and he did not say that some foreigners had property there. He was quite certain that he did not say that Marine Lot No. 25 was the property of the Pier & Godown Co. He did not know the number of the Pier & Godown Co.'s lot. He did not tell Ho Atim who was the owner of the property. He got the printed form on which the agreement was written, and he asked Ho Atim to fill it up as he wished the bargain completed the same day. He pointed out Marine Lot No. 25 to Ho Atim, and this property is now the Pier & Godown Co.'s lot. Ho Atim did not say anything about the property being on the agreement as the vendor. He did not tell Ho Atim that this property belonged to him, and never had any contract for the purchase of this property. He signed the contract in Messrs Breton and Wotton's office the day after the interview, but Ho Atim was not present and was not aware that it was to be signed. He signed the original contract and not a duplicate. The contract was made on the 17th September, and witness retraced this, and said he signed on the 20th September. Li Sing's name appears on the document, but this gentleman was not present at the time either of the parties concerned signed. Li Sing signed the document to confirm the contract, he being the proprietor of the property. This signature was affixed on the 21st ult., and he informed Ho Atim of this fact when he went for the money. He did not know that this property had been already sold by Li Sing to Mr. Ho Atim.

By Mr. Hayler.—He had been in a position to assign this property and had pointed out the correct position of this lot to Ho Atim on the map in Messrs Breton and Wotton's office. He told Ho Atim the day after the signature had been affixed that the property belonged to Li Sing.

By His Lordship.—He called upon the defendant the following day and asked for payment, but received nothing. He went the third day and Ho Atim told him he did not want the property and refused to pay the money. He said that Ho Atim would receive the contract when the money was paid.

By Mr. Francis.—He held the property from the proprietor Li Sing and he did not know that this lot was under contract to be sold to Mr. Ho Atim. He wrote no letter asking Ho Atim to come to the office and sign a fresh contract.

By Mr. Hayler.—He wrote a letter asking payment of \$5,000 under contract. This was on the 23rd September. (Mr. Francis said the letter was admitted.)

By His Lordship.—He received the contract from Mr. De Rosa at the time he was demanding payment, and it had remained in his possession ever since.

This concluded the evidence for the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Francis submitted to his Lordship that no proof had been given that an agreement, which must of necessity be in writing, had been entered into to pay the sum of \$5,000 as a deposit, and he consented to pay the money. If it was essential to the conclusion of a contract that the sum be paid, then there had been no contract at all, and as all such contracts are to be in writing, and as this document had not been drawn up in accordance with these requirements, he thought he case had been proved.

Mr. Hayler said that there was a written contract of the sale of the property agreeing to pay the sum of \$5,000 as a deposit, and then, and there could be no doubt but that it was a clear agreement to pay the money down.

His Lordship said he would not decide on this part of the case at present.

With reference to the cross petition, Mr. Francis said that the defendant prayed that the contract be set aside, on account of the representations made by Mr. De Rosa that the property belonged to the Hongkong Pier and Godown Co. Ltd. Mr. Francis detailed the transactions which took place between Mr. De Rosa and Ho Atim, and then called on his client to substantiate his case.

Mr. Ho Atim, defendant, was now examined by Mr. Francis, and in reply to him said he met Mr. De Rosa in Queen's Road Central on the 19th and signed the agreement on that day. This did not take place in Messrs Breton and Wotton's Office. Mr. Rosa introduced the subject by saying he had some marine lots in Wanchai for sale. Witness asked him what property, and he said it belonged to a foreigner. Witness thought no property belonged to foreigners, but the Pier and Godown Co.'s, and this was the only property witness knew of as being for sale there. He asked Mr. Rosa the price, to which he replied it was \$2.75 per square foot, but he only offered \$2.50. Mr. Rosa then showed witness a paper from another bidder offering \$2.60. He said it was lot No. 25, but this paper did not have anything else on it than \$2.60 per square foot. After seeing the paper he increased his offer to \$2.75. He thought that this property was owned by the Hongkong Pier and Godown Co., because it was the only property for sale in Wanchai owned by foreigners. He knew that Li Sing possessed property in Wanchai, and this was previously offered him for \$25,000, but he rejected it. He once saw

Mr. Rosa at 6 o'clock on the 19th inst., he coming and offering the property, allowing witness to fill up the contract. Mr. De Rosa wanted witness to commission him to sell the property for him. Mr. De Rosa said to him when he put down his name as the vendor that he had bought the property from a friend in England. He was never told that the property belonged to Li Sing or any other Chinese owner. He never would have bought this property, having already bought the same property since 1877, five of them being for lottery.

Prisoner having been duly cautioned, re-examined his defence, and was committed to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court.

SINGAPORE.

(Times.)

A fatal case of cholera having occurred on board the O. S. S. Co's steamer *Laertes* on the passage to Penang, the steamer has been placed in quarantine here.

It is reported that a case of minor misconduct on the part of soldiers towards the community, but on Saturday night there was a case of gross assault on ladies on their way to the midnight service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, that it is earnestly to be hoped the military authorities will take the matter up and deal with it as it deserves. A soldier in a sergeant's uniform, but so far as could be seen without stripes upon his sleeves, opened the door of a carriage in motion in Brass Basu Road, containing three ladies going to Church, and sent his burly form upon the lap of first one and then another, and otherwise conducted himself in a most outrageous manner. The ladies were dreadfully frightened, and in their jumping out of the carriage and falling heavily in the road, sustaining severe bruises, and the others screaming for assistance until they had scarcely power to articulate. The ruffian was ultimately dragged out of the carriage, and took refuge with the guard on duty at the jail, who instead of placing him under arrest, allowed him to go free to pursue his audacious insolence further. A brother of the injured lady's husband complained to the guard and asked the soldier's name, which he refused to give, whereupon the latter posed himself for a fight, but was prevented by a constable. He subsequently insulted other ladies on foot, some of whom saved themselves from violence by flight. He was also seen chasing another carriage with ladies in it, but luckily the pony was too fleet to enable him to repeat his previous performance. We trust his officers will ascertain who he is, and take measures to prevent a repetition of his exploits.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wolsley, Esq.)

Wednesday, Jan. 4.

BURGLARY.

Ko Min, a coolie, unemployed, appeared on remand, charged with two others not in custody, with breaking and entering a dwelling house at Yung-tai-ti on the 26th ultimo, and stealing therefrom a quantity of clothing.

Yeung Auk, a vegetable hawk, said that he occupied a hut at Mong Kok Tai where he lived along with two of his brothers, who were working and cutting a road on the morning of the 26th ultimo, by hearing a noise as if some one digging the ground outside the hut. He kept perfectly quiet, and after the digging had gone on for some time the door was suddenly thrown open, and two men entered. One of them was armed with a sword in each hand, and the other with a long staff. They entered the house, and the defendant was ordered to bring two blankets from off the bed. There were four or five other men outside the house, and on witness raising an alarm they all scampered off in different directions. He followed the prisoner until he was arrested by a policeman while still in possession of the blankets.

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